

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An instrument for applying a suture to a trocar wound includes an obturator coupled to a central shaft and a coaxially disposed skin pressure plate. The obturator and skin pressure plate are movable relative to each other, and function together to position the tissue and needles relative to each other. The skin pressure plate is provided with two spaced apart needle guides. A pair of hollow needles, held in the guides of the pressure plate are coupled to a needle mounting plate which is movable over the central shaft. One of the needles is provided with a suture control mechanism for moving a suture through the needle and the other needle is provided with a snare control mechanism for moving a snare through the needle.

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